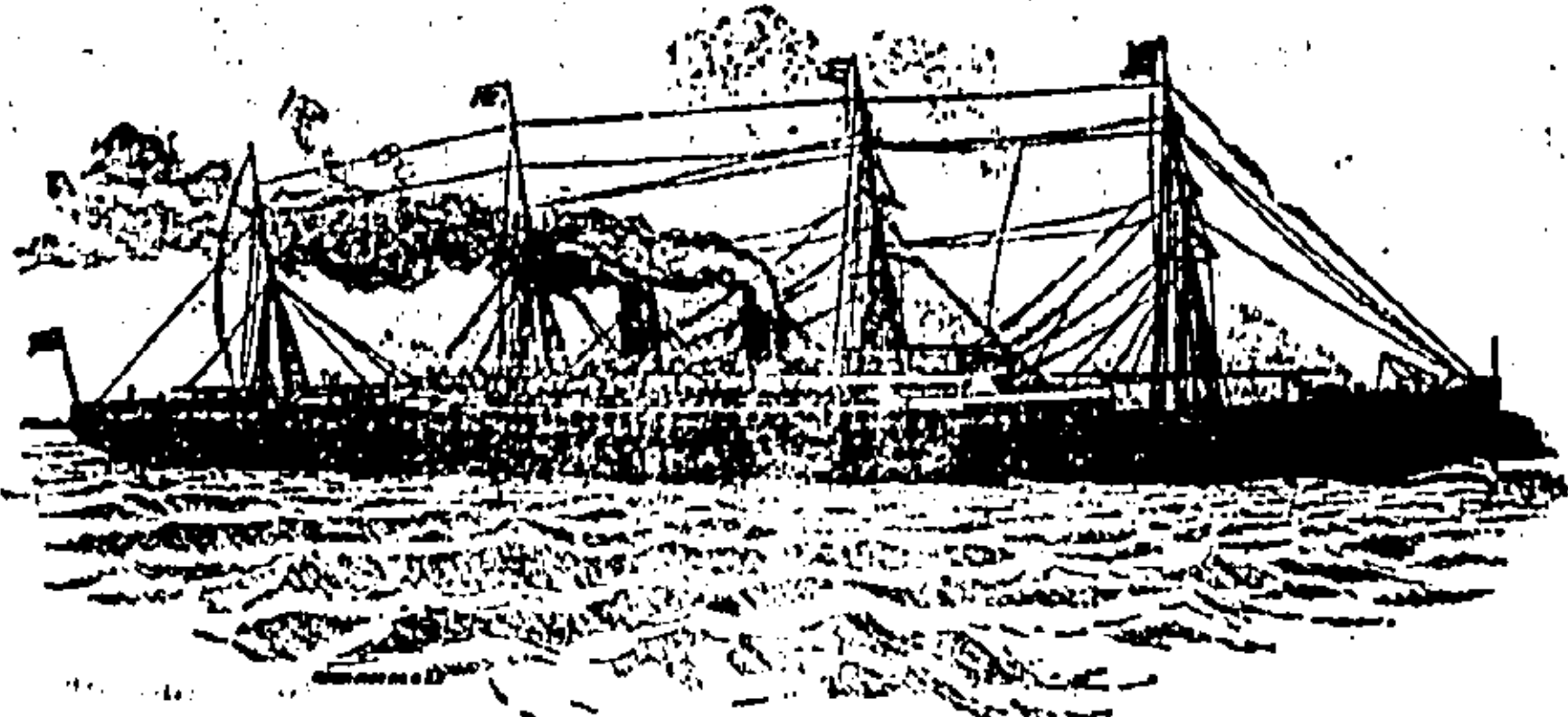


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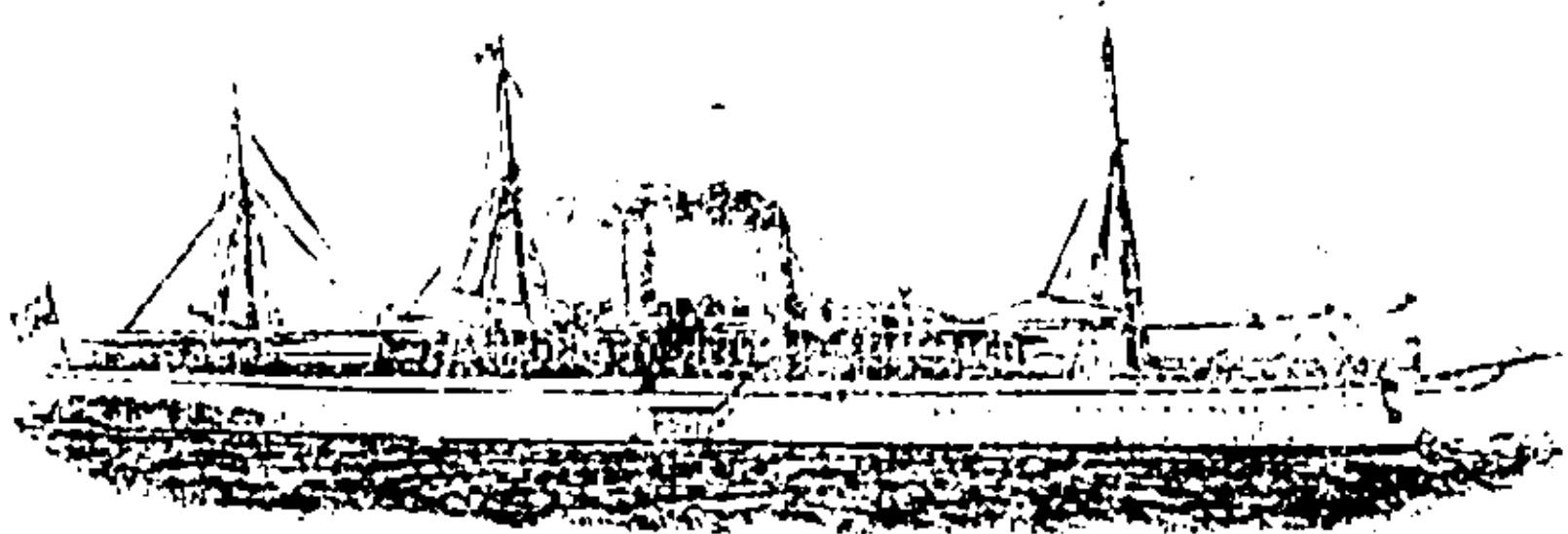
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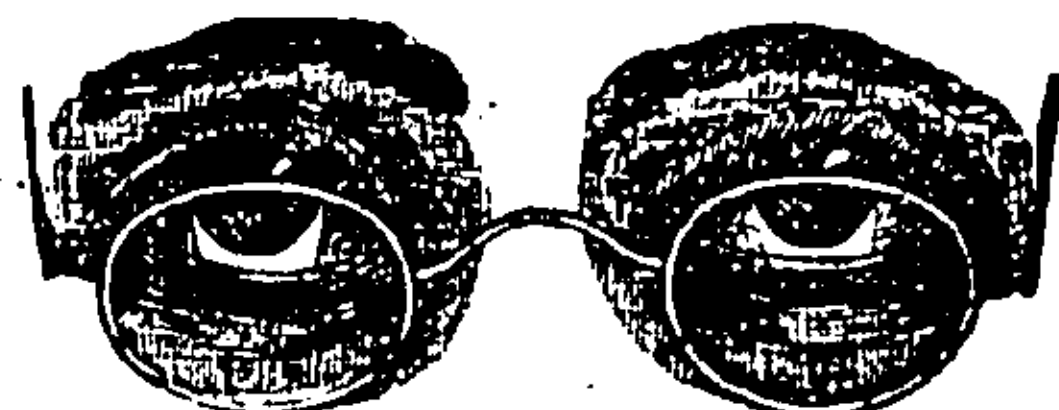
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By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 18, 1904.

THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS.

Historic importance must be attached to Baron Komura's address to journalists delivered at his official residence in Tokio on the 8th inst. Representatives of all newspapers and news agencies then in the capital were summoned that evening to a meeting at which the Minister for Foreign Affairs made a lengthy statement regarding the course of the recent negotiations between Japan and Russia. Hitherto, diplomatic relations have been too delicate to make definite public announcements advisable, and now that the actual course of the negotiations has been officially published justification of Japan's firm attitude will be apparent to all. The courtesy shown by the Japanese Government towards the Press during the crisis from which we have just emerged and since the rupture of negotiations is worthy of attention. The kindness and facilities offered to journalists when it has been within the power of the Japanese authorities to do so, have not been restricted to Japan alone, but news of interest has been most generously circulated to the Press by the representatives of the Mikado in foreign countries. As for instance the hearty co-operation which has been accorded to the newspapers in Hongkong, at a time when the public of this Colony are anxiously awaiting news from the North, by Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, by communicating to the papers official telegrams containing news of great interest to the general public. The full text of Baron Komura's statement, as submitted to the Press by the Foreign Office, is as follows:—

It being indispensable for the welfare and safety of Japan to maintain the independence and territorial integrity of Korea and to safeguard her paramount interests therein, the Japanese Government find it impossible to view with indifference any action endangering the position of Korea; whereas Russia, notwithstanding her solemn treaty with China and her repeated assurance to the Powers, not only continues in occupation of Manchuria but has even taken aggressive measures on Korean territory. Should Manchuria be annexed to Russia, the independence of Korea would naturally be impossible.

The Japanese Government, therefore, being desirous of securing permanent peace for East Asia by means of direct negotiations with Russia with a view to arriving at a friendly adjustment of mutual interests in both Manchuria and Korea, where their interests meet, communicated towards the end of July last such desire to the Russian Government and invited their adherence. To this the Russian Government expressed willing assent. Accordingly, on the 12th of August last, the Japanese Government proposed to the Government of Russia, through the Representative in St. Petersburg, the basis of agreement, which was substantially as follows:—

- 1.—Mutual engagement to respect the independence and territorial integrity of the Chinese and Korean Empires.
- 2.—Mutual engagement to maintain the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations in those countries.
- 3.—Reciprocal recognition of Japan's preponderant interests in Korea and Russia's special interests in railway enterprises in Manchuria and mutual recognition of the respective rights of Japan and Russia to take measures necessary for the protection of the above mentioned interests in so far as the principles of Article I. are not infringed.
- 4.—Recognition by Russia of the exclusive right of Japan to give advice and assistance to Korea in the interest of reform and good government.
- 5.—Engagement on the part of Russia not to impede the eventual extension of the Korean railway into southern Manchuria so as to connect with the East China and the Shan-hai-kwan-Newchwang lines.

It was the intention of the Japanese Government originally that the conference should take place directly between their representative and the Russian authorities at St. Petersburg so as to facilitate the progress of the negotiations and expedite as much as possible the solution of the situation. But as the Russian Government absolutely refused to do so on the plea of the Tsar's trip abroad and several other reasons, it was unavoidably decided to conduct the negotiations in Tokio.

And it was not until the 3rd October last that the Russian Government presented their counter-proposals; and in them they declined to engage to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of China and to stipulate the maintenance of the principle of equal opportunities for the commerce and industry of all nations in China, and requested Japan to declare Manchuria and its littoral as being entirely outside her sphere of interest. She further put several restrictions upon Japan's freedom of action in Korea; for instance, while recognizing Japan's right to despatch troops, when necessary, for the protection of her interests in Korea, Russia refused to allow her to use any portion of Korean territory for strategic purposes. In fact Russia went so far as to propose to establish a neutral zone in the Korean territory north of the 38th parallel.

The Japanese Government utterly failed to see why Russia, who professed to have no intention of absorbing Manchuria, should be disinclined to insert in the Convention a clause in complete harmony with her own repeatedly declared principle of respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of China. Furthermore, the refusal of the Russian Government all the more with the necessity of her intervention of that clause. Japan has important commercial interests in Manchuria and contiguous areas, and she has even greater interests there by reason of its relations with Korea; so that she could not possibly recognize Manchuria as being entirely outside her sphere of interest.

These reasons decided Japan to absolutely reject the Russian proposal in this respect. Accordingly, the Japanese Government explained the above views to the Russian Government and at the same time introduced other necessary amendments in the Russian counter-proposals.

They further proposed, with regard to a neutral zone, that if one was to be created, it should be established on both sides of the boundary line between Manchuria and Korea with an equal width, say, of fifty kilometres. After repeated discussions at Tokio the Japanese Government finally presented to the Russian Government their definitive amendments on the 30th Oct. last. The Japanese Government then frequently urged the Russian Government for a reply, which was again delayed and was only delivered on the 11th December. In that reply Russia suppressed the clause relating to Manchuria as to make the proposed convention entirely Korean; and maintained her original demand for the non-employment of the Korean territory for strategic purposes as well as the neutral zone.

But the exclusion of Manchuria from the proposed Convention being contrary to the original object of these negotiations, which was to remove the cause of conflict between the two countries by a friendly arrangement of their interests in both Manchuria and Korea, the Japanese Government asked the Russian Government to reconsider the question and again proposed the removal of restriction as to the use of Korean territory and the entire suppression of the neutral zone on the ground that, if Russia is opposed to having it established in Manchuria, it should no more be established in Korea.

The last reply of Russia was received in Tokio on the 6th January last. In this reply, it is true, Russia proposed to agree to insert the following clause in the proposed agreement:—

Recognition by Japan of Manchuria and its littoral as being outside her sphere of interest whilst Russia within the limits of that province will not impede Japan any other Powers in the enjoyment of rights and privileges acquired by them under existing treaties with China exclusive of the establishment of settlements.

But this was proposed to be agreed to only upon the conditions of maintaining the clauses regarding a neutral zone in Korean territory for strategic purposes; conditions the impossibility for Japan of accepting which had already been fully explained to them.

It should further be observed that no mention was made at all of the territorial integrity of China in Manchuria, and it must be self-evident to everybody that the engagement as now proposed by Russia to be agreed to would be of no practical value so long as it is not accompanied by a definite stipulation regarding the territorial integrity of China in Manchuria, since treaty rights being only co-existing with sovereignty, eventual absorption of Manchuria by Russia would annul at once those rights and privileges acquired by the Powers in Manchuria by virtue of treaties with China.

Therefore, the Japanese Government deemed it indispensable to obtain Russian agreement to the territorial integrity of Manchuria; and decided upon suppression of the restriction on the establishment of settlements which is in conflict with a supplementary treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Japan and China. They have further decided with regard to Korea to adhere to their amendments as there was absolutely no room for concessions.

On these lines they, on the 13th January last, renewed their request to the Russian Government to reconsider the question and have since frequently urged them for a reply. But the Russian Government, so far from forwarding it, did not even indicate any date for it.

The Japanese Government have throughout been actuated by principles of moderation and impartiality and have been guided from the Russian Government no more than the recognition of a principle which has been repeatedly and voluntarily announced by Russia herself, while the Russian Government have persistently refused to accede thereto and, while unduly delaying on the one hand their replies whenever they had to make one, have on the other hand augmented their military and naval preparations. In fact a large Russian force is already on the Korean frontier.

The Japanese Government while animated by a sincere desire for peace, have been exercising the utmost degree of patience, and now they are reluctantly compelled by the action of Russia to give up all hopes of reconciliation and break off their negotiations.

THE WAR.

TORPEDO ATTACK

AGAINST PORT ARTHUR

DURING GALE AND SNOWSTORM.

Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, courteously informs us that he is in receipt of a telegram from Tokio giving the details of a torpedo flotilla attack, on the 14th inst., on Russian warships which read as follows:—

Tokio, 17th Feb., 4.50 p.m.
On the 13th inst., during a heavy gale and driving snow, our destroyer flotilla was dispatched against Port Arthur. On the 14th at 3 a.m., the destroyer *Asagiri*, notwithstanding a violent fire from the Russian ships, succeeded in approaching one of their men-of-war and torpedoed her. With the aid of her own guns she drove back the Russian torpedo boats sent to attack her and got away in safety.

At 5 a.m., on the same day, the destroyer *Hayabusa*, crept up to the entrance of the port, was met by a violent fire from two Russian vessels, one of which she torpedoed, and, after seeing the explosion take place under that ship, she withdrew in safety.

RUSSIAN CRUELTY TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

JAPANESE REFUGEES' PITIFUL STORY.

Tokio, 17th Feb., 9.25 p.m.
Japanese refugees coming to Chefoo from Port Arthur by the British steamer *Wenchow* give the following information:—

On the night of the 8th inst., the Russian authorities in Port Arthur informed the Japanese residents, who were preparing to leave, that they would not be allowed to embark on the British steamer *Rosier*, and at midnight they were served with notices forbidding them to leave the port, this by order of Admiral Alexieff. Numerous others who were already on board the s.s. *Wenchow*, ready to leave for Chefoo, were placed under the guard of 8 Russian soldiers. They were not allowed to land and the steamer was forbidden to leave by the Russian authorities.

More than 200 Japanese had taken refuge on board this ship, and they were practically starving. Application was made, on several occasions, to Admiral Alexieff, to allow these unfortunates to procure food.

At last, on the night of the 10th inst., 10 bags of rice and half a dozen biscuits were allowed to be taken on board. On the 11th, as there was no more drinking water on the ship, a signal was hoisted asking for some to be sent, but no answer was received to this request.

On the 13th, the suffering passengers, having been nearly 48 hours without water, sent an appeal to the authorities, requesting that some should at least be sent out for the children and pregnant women who were on board.

On the same day 103 Japanese arrived from Harbin, having been robbed of all their money and belongings on their way down.

More than 300 refugees were now on board the *Wenchow*, all in the most pitiable condition, starving and without water.

On the 14th, at 4 p.m., the ship was allowed to proceed and she arrived in Chefoo on the morning of the 15th.

ANARCHY AT PORT ARTHUR.

SOLDIERS PLUNDERING THE CITIZENS.

The passengers state that a complete state of confusion and anarchy exists at Port Arthur. The city is overrun by thieves and the Russian soldiers are themselves plundering the houses and shops, their own countrymen being among the victims. The Russian civilians are arming themselves to protect their property against the soldiery.

THE FIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
Yokohama, 10th February.

News reached here late yesterday evening of the Japanese naval victory at Port Arthur on the night of the 8th and morning of the 9th inst., concerning which I wired you to-day. A private dispatch received by one of our leading shipping firms states that, at about 11 p.m. on the 8th, the Russian fleet, which was laying at anchor, just outside of Port Arthur, was attacked by the Japanese torpedo flotilla. These small craft, hugging the coast, having crept up unobserved to within less than a mile of the enemy's ships. Two battleships and one large cruiser were torpedoed, the *Tsarevitch* and *Retvisan* sinking almost immediately and the *Pallada* being beached to prevent her loss. At about 6 o'clock, on the morning of the 9th, the whole of the Japanese fleet, which had been coming up slowly behind the torpedo flotilla, advanced in line and attacked the Russian vessels, now drawn up under the guns of the Hwang-chin-shan fort, the Lao-mu-cho batteries and Southern forts. The Japanese squadron advanced with splendid order and precision and opened fire at about 4,000 yards. When within 2,500 or 3,000 yards of the enemy the Japanese vessels changed their formation to one of in line ahead and

circled round firing all the time. Under the constant shower of shells the Russian vessels seemed unable to retain their order and endeavoured to retreat into the harbour, but they were unable to do so owing to the two torpedoed battleships having sunk close to the entrance. The area of the fight was about six square miles and the sight a magnificent one; as the shell, striking the water, threw up great columns of liquid or burst over or against the vessels. The shooting of the Japanese was excellent, but the Russian guns, both on the ships and on the forts, were badly served and the majority of their projectiles fell short. The chief officer of the British steamer *Columbia*, which passed close to the scene of action, states that at noon the Japanese line was unbroken, and it appeared that their ships had received no material damage. A flotilla of ten Russian destroyers made a demonstration on the left of the line, but when the guns of the fleet were turned on them, and the Japanese destroyers advanced to a counter-attack, they turned and ran into the inner harbour. About 1 p.m. the Russian men-of-war were forced to take refuge under the guns of Fort Ogon, several of the ships being very severely damaged. This ended the battle which had lasted about five hours and the Japanese fleet withdrew in splendid order. The squadron, which was under the orders of Admiral Togo, consisted of the *Mikasa*, (flagship), *Hatsuse*, *Asahi*, *Shikishima*, *Fuji* and *Yoshima*, battleships; *Takasago*, *Chitose*, *Kasagi*, *Yoshino*, *Izumo*, *Tokiwa*, *Adzuma*, *Yokumo*, *Asama* and *Iwate*, cruisers; the destroyers *Murasame*, *Hayabusa*, *Shirakumo*, and *Asashio* and a flotilla of torpedo boats.

THE FIGHT AT CHEMULPO.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE OF THE "VARYAG."

(From a Correspondent.)
Kobe, 10th February.

The following official report from Admiral Uriu, Commander of the Second Squadron, dated Chemulpo, 12 a.m., reached here to-day:—

"The Russian warships *Varyag* and *Korietz* steamed out of Chemulpo at noon on the 9th. An engagement at once ensued to the west of Hachibitao. The firing continued for 35 minutes, when the Russian warship endeavoured to retire to Chemulpo. At 4.30 p.m., the *Korietz* was blown up and the *Varyag* and a Russian steamer named the *Sungari* were also blown up subsequently. No damage was sustained by the Japanese fleet, and no casualties occurred among the Japanese crews. The crews are greatly elated by the victory."

The British cruiser, the *Talbot*, the American cruiser *Vickburg*, the French cruiser *Patrol*, the Italian cruiser *Elba* and two Russian warships were in Chemulpo harbour yesterday morning. On the arrival of the Japanese fleet, salutes were exchanged between the Japanese and British vessels. In consequence of the exchange of signals between the Japanese and other ships, the Russian vessel *Korietz* left the port and opened fire on the Japanese fleet. The Japanese squadron at once opened a terrible fire on the Russian ships. In a short time the *Korietz* was destroyed. The *Varyag* followed the *Korietz* and endeavoured to leave the harbour. Her mast was broken by a shot from one of the Japanese warships and a large number of her men were killed and injured.

The *Varyag*, with her broken mast, continued a stubborn resistance for several hours, and was at last able to escape to the vicinity of Ventao, after incurring considerable damage. The crew, it appears, then set fire to the vessel and she was almost entirely destroyed. The official despatches state that both the *Korietz* and the *Varyag* were sunk.

RUSSIAN LOSSES AT CHEMULPO.

Of the crews of the *Varyag* and *Korietz* 41 were killed and 68 wounded, many severely. The *Talbot* took 335 on board, the *Elba* 170, and the *Patrol* 228. This gives a total of 832 hors-de-combat or prisoners.

THE FLEET.

WARSHIPS CONCENTRATING.

A Tokio despatch to the *Mainichi* states that British Naval Authorities have ordered the ships of the China Squadron to proceed to various places in China and Korean waters. At the same time the Australian and Indian Squadrons have been ordered to rendezvous east of Singapore. A Japanese officer who has just arrived at Nagasaki from Chefoo states that twenty-eight British and American warships are shortly expected to rendezvous at Chefoo.

A London wire reports that Russia is trying to purchase three French submarines for service in the Far East.

Fifteen thousand picked troops are on board the Russian volunteer fleet of transports, voyaging to the Far East. The impression in military circles is that probably these fast cruisers will be utilized to destroy the Japanese sea-borne trade, utilising some Pacific island, off the track of vessels, as a base.

The transport waggon the Russian troops commandeered at Mukden and Liaoyang and dispatched to Whangpoo, Anjeng, and other places on the Yalu, excited one thousand in number. It is stated the Russian authorities fear that Chinese troops may advance in the direction of Shanghai-Kwan, and by throwing out scouts oppose their progress. Trouble is being experienced from mounted bandits, who have cut down the telegraph and telephone lines between Haicheng and Kaiping, Newchwang and Tashichow. The line of communication from Manchuria to Russia has been completely destroyed.

Instructions have been issued from Tokio to the Governor-General of Formosa and to the Governors of *Kan* and *Su*, to the effect that the greatest vigilance must be shown in protecting any Russian subjects within their jurisdiction.

The hospital ships *Hakuni-maru* and *Kosimaru* have been handed over to the Red Cross Society by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

According to the *Mainichi*, badges have been distributed to the Russian soldiers in Manchuria in order that they may be the more easily identified on the battlefield. The badges bear a picture of the Tsar as he appeared bandaged after the murderous assault by the maniac Tsuda at Otsu, while he was still Crown Prince.

The workmen at the Government Mint in Osaka are now working in what is precisely two shifts, in order to complete the order for silver coins. It is said that several million silver one yen pieces have been already struck off and that a large amount of subsidiary coins is to be struck off in a great hurry. The horse shoe silver imported from China as the interest for the Chinese indemnity has been used for this purpose.

A passenger by the *Santo Maru* states that guns have recently been mounted on all the new forts built at Port Arthur. The total quantity of Cardiff coal at Port Arthur is about 1,000 tons and that of Japanese coal 150,000 tons.

The total number of transports chartered by the Government is 110, their aggregate tonnage exceeding 400,000 tons. Meanwhile, the transportation of goods is being seriously interfered with, and the authorities are now considering measures to remedy the difficulty.

UNEASY FEELINGS IN SINGAPORE.

From the *Straits Times* (10th inst.):—For the moment there is a lull in Singapore after the excitement of the declaration of war, but speculation is as life as ever. Some people are so strangely stirred these days that they can plainly hear the Russian guns battering at the gates of Singapore. And these with uneasy consciences spend wakeful nights counting the shots and calculating the strength of the guns.

One of the questions which has been engaging the attention of insurance agents in Singapore is—what will be declared contraband of war? Some time ago, when the negotiations between Japan and Russia seemed to have reached a turning-point, we published an epitome of opinion regarding what was likely to be considered contraband of war. It was mentioned that the Russians would probably include rice under the term contraband of war, and that the other articles in the same category would be ammunition, guns, explosives of all sorts, material for warships, coal, etc.

WHERE IS THE "BINGO MARU"?
Some uneasiness prevails in Singapore regarding the whereabouts of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's boat *Bingo Maru*. The Japanese liner left Singapore in the early part of January bound for London. There were on board a large number of passengers from Singapore, and the Governor of British North Borneo, Mr. Birch, was also on board. The *Bingo Maru* is due to arrive in London to-day, but has she done so?

When the *Rings Maru* left Gibraltar there was, of course, no news of the war, and after war had broken out the vessel would have to travel the English Channel open to the assaults of any predatory Russian who might be filibustering around. The extraordinary thing is that the agents of the line here, Messrs. P. & S. Simons and Co., have no means of knowing whether the vessel has arrived at its destination safely or not. They get no advice, so that in this case it is to be presumed that no news is good news.

RUSSIA'S FINANCES.

There is some difficulty in reconciling what appears below with the fact that Russia has been trying to raise money in Germany, in the United States, and even once more in France without success.

Mr. Leo Raffalovich, a well-known Russian authority on banking and financial matters, in the course of an interview, states:—Russia has plenty of money to carry on a war without the necessity of borrowing. Last year began with a free balance of 250,000,000 roubles, nearly £26,000,000, which is available for any purpose for which it may be required. With regard to Russia's gold, there was in the State Bank something like 830,000,000 roubles, or, say, £83,000,000. Of notes there were in circulation 630,000,000 roubles. According to our gold standard law 500,000,000 roubles must be covered permanently by 300,000,000 roubles in gold; and every rouble note issued above 600,000,000 roubles must be covered in full in gold. Consequently, 630,000,000 roubles in notes must have a cover of 330,000,000 in gold; and there remains in gold about 500,000,000 roubles available. The money which Russia has "to go on with" would last a long time, and thus obviate any necessity to borrow money. The figures of the ordinary Budget estimates, issued by the Russian Ministry of Finance, give a surplus of £3,000,000 for 1903 and a surplus of £1,000,000 for 1904. It would be rash, however, to suppose that these surpluses can be relied on. As a rule, a wholly different complexion is placed on the national finances by the Extraordinary Budgets—in 1903, for instance, an estimate of over £20,000,000 for extraordinary expenditure really turned the apparent surplus into a deficit of about £18,000,000. Moreover, since the construction of the Siberian-Manchurian Railway the loss on the working of the Government railway has steadily increased, the deficit for 1903 amounting to £1,400,000. The total amount of gold in Russia, which the Government could obtain in an emergency is generally believed to be about £150,000,000.

Telegram received in Singapore state that heavy speculation in silver is in progress in London. The silver market, so far, has been only slightly affected by the outbreak of hostilities, but the operations of speculators in London due entirely, of course, to the course of events in the Far East may have a decided effect. It is observed that Singapore has not yet been affected by these speculations, but it is certain extent that is the result of our present interest in the produce trade. An embargo on rice would probably have more effect on the market than the operations of London speculators in silver. —*Straits Times*.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILED DUE.

French (Sydney) 24th inst.
American (Kobe) 1st prox.
American (Galle) 9th prox.

The I. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Lafayette*, left Calcutta for this port via the Sumatra on 13th inst. and may be expected here on 1st prox.

The P. & S. Co.'s s.s. *Cebu*, with mails, &c., will leave on 20th ult. for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, and Seattle. Yokohama and Honolulu, &c., will leave on 14th inst.

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TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

THE WAR.
ANOTHER TORPEDO
ATTACKNEAR PORT ARTHUR.
RUSSIAN FORTS OPEN FIRE.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)YOKOHAMA, 17th February,
4.52 p.m.

Admiral Togo, the Commander-in-Chief, reports that, before dawn in the morning of Sunday, the 14th instant, the Japanese torpedo fleet attacked Russian war-ships at Port Arthur.

The Russian forts opened fire without effect, the Japanese destroyers retiring safely.

THE REPORT CONFIRMED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Kobe, 17th February,
3.20 p.m.

Admiral Togo reports that a fleet of destroyers advanced towards Port Arthur early on Sunday morning and was fired upon from the forts.

The destroyer *Asagiri* discharged a torpedo, but owing to the darkness of the morning the result is unknown.

PRECAUTIONS AT
NAGASAKI.STATE OF SIEGE DECLARED.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)YOKOHAMA, 17th February,
11.38 p.m.

The Government has issued a proclamation declaring that the district in and around Nagasaki is now in a state of siege.

"ROSETTA MARU" ON A
ROCK

OUTSIDE SHIMONOSEKI.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha's s.s. *Rosetta Maru*, which is under direct charter to the Military authorities, has been driven on a rock outside of the port of Shimonoseki.

THE WAR BONDS.

HUGE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Numerous voluntary subscribers to the war bonds have written to the Government offering to place at its disposal more than Yen 150,000,000.

THE CHEMULPO ENGAGE-
MENT.

SURVIVORS COMING SOUTH.

Some of the survivors of the engagement at Chemulpo are being taken to Shanghai, and others to Saigon by the French cruiser *Pascal*.

RED CROSS SOCIETY.

AID TO THE WOUNDED.

The Red Cross Society in America, France and Germany has offered the Japanese Government an ambulance service to accompany the troops.

It is reported here that the offer has been accepted.

FOREIGN RELIEF

FOR THE SUFFERERS.

YOKOHAMA, 18th February,
11.10 a.m.

Very many prominent foreigners in Tokio and Yokohama have amalgamated in forming an association for the relief of the wives and children of Japanese sailors and soldiers at present on active service.

THE "KASUGA" AND
"NISSHIN."

PUBLIC REJOICINGS.

A most enthusiastic public welcome is being given in Yokohama to-day to the crews of the Japanese cruisers *Kasuga* and *Nissin*.

The streets of the city are decorated, and at night dancing, and wrestling, and a fireworks display will be held on the Recreation Ground.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Neutrality of China.

LONDON, 17th February.

France has accepted Mr. Hay's note regarding the neutrality of China, and Great Britain has agreed in principle. It is expected that Russia will also concur.

An official Japanese note published in Paris says Japan has advised China to remain neutral with a view to reducing the evils of war to a minimum although she is well aware of the advantages to be derived from an alliance with China. She now urges China to take effectual measures to protect strategic points and to prevent belligerents from violating Chinese neutrality, from making Chinese ports bases of operations, or from their being used as places of refuge.

The War.

Admiral Alexieff admits that attempts have been made to wreck the Manchurian railway, and to blow up the bridge at Sungari. He says these attempts were noticed in time and the line is now closely guarded.

The Russian Black Sea Fleet.

February 16th.

Mr. Akers-Douglas said in the House of Commons that Great Britain had not been approached regarding the passage of the Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles and he had no reason to suppose that Russia contemplated such a violation of treaties.

The Unrest in Russia.

Government circles in St. Petersburg are uneasy, especially as seditious proclamations are again circulating among the students.

The Russians in Manchuria.

Admiral Alexieff has ordered all Japanese in Manchuria to be arrested and conveyed to Port Arthur. Japan has appealed to America to intervene on their behalf.

The War.

A Russian despatch says the situation at Port Arthur was unchanged on the 14th inst. Information has been received at Washington that nearly 20,000 Japanese have landed at Chemulpo.

(Japanese Exchange.)

Big Russian Loans.

UNSATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

Vienna, 5th February.

The Russian Government have borrowed large amounts of money from the Imperial banks and the latter have consequently had to make additional issues of notes. The financial position is anything but satisfactory, and the rate of interest has risen to 1.5 rouble per hundred roubles. It is believed further notes will be issued and financiers are alarmed at the condition of affairs.

The Decision of the Japanese Government.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL IN ENGLAND.

London, 8th February.

The English papers unanimously applaud the resolution arrived at by Japan. The *Times* and *Morning Post* state that the Russian journals are accusing Japan of being over-hasty.

TOTAL LOSS OF THE
"DEUTEROS"

Messrs. Siemens & Co report that this morning they received a telegram from Saigon informing them of the total loss of the German steamer *Deuteros* belonging to the Flensburger Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft von 1869. The steamer was on her way from Saigon to Hongkong. The crew has been saved by the steamer *Laertes* and apparently landed at Cape St. James.

THE SHANGHAI-HONGKONG
INVESTMENT COMPANY.

PROPOSED BUILDING SCHEME FOR SINGAPORE.

From the *Straits Times* of Feb. 10:— Since the establishment in Singapore of an Advisory Board of the Shanghai-Hongkong Building, Loan and Investment Company, Limited, business has been increasing by leaps and bounds. The success of the Company in Singapore has also spread to Penang, and Mr. H. D. Bassett, the local Secretary, in response to a call from the Penang representative, left this afternoon for the northern settlement. The object of the visit is, of course, to give investors in Penang the benefit of his advice and to settle business which is already in a position to be closed. During the short period the Company has been seriously transacting business in Singapore, the special features of the investments have attracted all classes of people, and single investments running into thousands of dollars monthly have been made by prominent business men. As previously shown the scheme is an attractive and sound one. As an indication how the business is extending it may be stated that the Company now propose to erect modern up-to-date office buildings as well as better class private residences. In Shanghai the erection of buildings has proved one of the most remunerative forms of the Company's methods of investment, and there is no reason why that experience should not be repeated here. Much of the Company's success in Singapore is of course due to the exertions of Mr. H. D. Bassett, who in conjunction with the Advisory Board has given unremitting attention to the work. Mr. Bassett will remain about two months in Penang, spending the Chinese New Year, however, in Singapore.

TOWN TOPICS.

Never failing the lady enthusiasts made their appearance at the Course this morning with the regularity equal to that of the owners. It is superfluous to name them individually, as readers of these notes will have been acquainted with them.

Mr. Fearon, of Shanghai, did not come down for the forthcoming meeting after all. He was one of the probable visitors, but owing to an injured knee he was advised not to undertake the journey down. His enforced absence is much regretted.

Times this morning were as follows:— Muscatel and Regret—1 mile—33 1/5, 1.06 1/5, 1.41 4/5, 2.18 3/5, 2.54, Muscatel finishing first.

Clifton—joined 1 mile—and made it in 2.20. Mince Pie, Dunagayne and Yellow Skin—1 mile—34, 1.07 2/5, 1.42.

Zagloba and Tibet—missed. Baillie and Fun—1 mile—35, 1.10, 1.43, 2.17. Teetotum—1 mile—34 3/5, 1.05.

Northern Rose—1 mile—33 3/5, 1.07 2/5, 1.42 3/5, 2.17 2/5.

Set—1 mile—32 2/5, 1.05, 1.38. Algerine—1 mile—31 2/5, 1.03 3/5, 1.35 2/5, 2.08 2/5. The best time of the day.

Aladin and Discard—1 mile—35 1/5, 1.08 3/5, 1.42 1/5, 2.16, 2.52 2/5, 3.26. La France Rose—1 mile—39, 1.13 3/5, 1.48, 2.22, 2.56 1/5, 3.28 3/5.

Coronet Rose—1 mile—39, 1.14 3/5, 1.48 3/5, 2.23 3/5, 2.58 2/5, 3.28 2/5.

Rocket—1 mile—36, 1.10 2/5, 1.45 3/5, 2.20 2/5, 2.52 2/5.

Eclipse—1 mile—40 2/5, 1.19, 1.53 1/2, 2.27, 3.01, 3.37 1/2. Joined by Mignonne Rose 1 mile.

Fiscal—1 mile—40 1/5, 1.20, 1.53 1/2, 2.23 2/5. Sylph Rose and Pink Rose—1 mile—38 1/2, 1.12, 1.45, 2.18.

Standard and Manila—1 mile—32 1/2, 1.05, 1.38.

Talbot and Sirius—1 mile—last 1/2, 36, 1.12, 1.45 3/5. Total 2.53.

Pandur—1 mile—38 1/5, 1.15, 1.51 1/5, 2.26 1/2, 3.00 2/5, 3.33.

Chieftain—1 mile, last 1/2, 37, 1.13 3/5, 1.45 2/5.

Persistence and Videlicet—1 mile—33, 1.06 1/2, 1.42, 2.18.

Vancouver—1 mile—35, 1.08, 1.40 2/5, 2.14 2/5, 2.49, 3.28.

Mongoose and Alarm—1 mile—38, 1.17, 1.42, 2.18 2/5.

Ben Roy (1) and Border Laird (2)—35, 1.08, 1.42, 2.18 2/5.

Disclosure—1 mile—33, 1.04 1/2.

Polka and Rajah—1 mile—last 1/2, 33, 1.07, 1.41 2/5.

Zufall—1 mile—36 1/5, 1.11 3/5, 1.44 1/5.

Dormouse 1/2, joined by Neddy 1/2, 36, 1.09, 1.42 2/5.

Daybreak and Discovery—1 mile—34, 1.07, 1.41, 2.14 3/5.

Tai Yat and Mo'esty—1 mile—35, 1.09, 1.39 3/5.

Quebec and Combine—1 mile—32, 1.05 3/5, 1.41, 2.14 2/5.

Hazard and Bonzoline—1 mile—36 3/5, 1.12 3/5, 1.47 3/5.

Reck, last 1/2 taken, 35, 1.10, 1.42 2/5.

Huron (late Teaboy)—1 mile—35, (7), 1.43, 2.14 3/5.

Ca Cannie—1 mile—last 1/2, 37, 1.12, 1.45.

Bunder—1 mile—34, 1.08, 1.43, 2.18.

Chuntagua—1 mile—37, 1.11, 1.45, 2.20 1/2.

Arranpogue missed.

Snark and Colonist—1 mile—34 1/2, 1.05 1/2.

Emigrant and Panjandrum—1 mile—33 1/2, 1.07 1/2, 1.40 1/2.

Once More—1 mile—34 3/5, 1.08 1/5, 1.39 3/5.

WALERS.

Golden Bell—1 mile—(7), 1.07, 1.37 2/5, 2.05 1/5.

Remnant—1 mile—58.

Chee Sai—1 mile—32, 1.00, 1.28.

School Girl—1 mile—2.03 1/2.

Dandy—1 mile—28, 56, 1.26 2/5, 1.55 2/5.

Brilliant—1 mile—34, 1.04 1/5, 1.34 2/5, 2.03.

EARLY BIRD.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 17th.

THE NEW YEAR.

The New Year began without any unusual excitement. The day was fine and warm and the Chinese, high and low, were busy calling. The rumours of trouble proved groundless and not in many years was there so little excitement around the festive time. The streets were carefully guarded and preparations had been made to meet any trouble. It was rumoured that the officials would omit the ceremony in the Man Shau Kung (Emperor's Temple), but nevertheless it took place and was attended by all the officials including the Viceroy. It is evident, however, that they were not free from uneasiness, for the ceremony, which usually takes place very early, before daylight, was postponed until eight o'clock in the morning. A number of foreigners were there, but had a long wait before the proceedings commenced. Among those present were Mr. J. Dyer Ball, of Hongkong, and Mr. Wright of the C. P. R. The whole performance is most interesting, but it is hardly worth spending six or eight hours waiting for the worshippers to appear. Then, too, the ceremony loses much of its impressiveness when performed in daylight. The dim light and the torches are more in keeping with the service.

THE FIRE.

Two nights ago we had another bad fire in which several houses were destroyed just at the back of the Shamcen. This has been an unfortunate winter for fires and if the dry weather continues we are likely to have many more.

THE TELEPHONE.

The wires are pretty nearly all up and we will soon have the "phones" working throughout the city. Public stations will be established in several places, and if they are well manned the telephone should be a very great convenience.

COMMERCIAL.

SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

During the week the volume of business has been small, although a number of stocks are quoted. The reported outflows of the Japanese have given the natives every confidence and we hear from good sources that their New Year Settlements are now all prepared for, and that they will go through without a hitch. The most disturbing element in our market at present is Exchange. Rates are purely nominal which are easily gathered by the official quotation for T. T. on London, being quoted 3/8 3/4 to 2/9 1/2.

Shipping.—India have been placed at Tis. 57 1/2, 57 3/4, 58 and 59 and 59 March with sales at 57 1/2, 59 and 60 April. The closing quotation to-day is a transaction at 59 April with buyers for cash at 57 1/2. Shell Transports have been placed at 57 1/2. Shanghai Tugs.—Preference shares have been placed at Tis. 44 1/2 and 47 1/2.

Langkats.—The market has remained fairly steady during the week. The cash rate ranging from Tis. 310 down to 295, rising again to 302 1/2. Forward shares have been placed for March at 320, 310, 312 1/2 and closing to-day with sales at 315. April shares have been placed at 322 1/2, 315, 317 1/2, 312 1/2, 315 and 317 1/2. January shares were placed at 332 1/2. Sumatras have been placed at Tis. 52 and 53 cash and 54 March.

Docks and Wharves.—We have to report quiet though steady rates in Farnham. The market opened on the 5th with sales at Tis. 132 1/2 April, on the 6th at Tis. 126 cash, 125 March and 132 June. On the 8th at 127 1/2 cash, 128 1/2 Feb., 130 March. On the 9th 130, 131 and 132 March. 135 and 136 June. On the 10th at 130 cash and 132, and 132 1/2 March. On the 11th at 131 and 130 cash, and 132 1/2, 135 and 135 1/2 March. The market closes with an offer of 131 cash. S. & H. Wharves.—Business has been done in these at Tis. 202 1/2 March, and 203 1/4 March.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T. 1/11
Do. demand 1/11 1/16
Do. 4 months' sight 1/11 5/16
Vancouver—Bank T.T. 2/4 1/2
America—Bank T.T. 4/5
Germany—Bank T.T. 1/9 1/2
India T.T. 1/42
Do. demand 1/42 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T. 7/12
Japan—Bank T.T. 95
Singapore—Bank T.T. Nominal
Java—Bank T.T. 1/15 1/2

Buying.

4 months' sight L/C 1/11 1/16
6 months' sight L/C 1/11 1/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York 4/7 1/2
4 months' sight do. 4/7 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne 2/6 1/2
4 months' sight France 2/6 1/2
6 months' sight do. 2/6 1/2
4 months' sight Germany 2/6 1/2
Bar Silver 37 1/2
Bank of England rate 4 1/2 %

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
Malwa New 900/930
Old 960/1,020
Patna New 1,040/1,100
Patna Old 1,240
Benares New 1,240
Persian (Paper) 850/900

To-day's

Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCOW.
THE Company's Steamship"HAICHING,"
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS, LAURA & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [262]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"ROON,"
of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
Captain G. Meiners, will leave for the above places TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at 11 A.M.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [3]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ROON,"
of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 P.M. TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 24th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 29th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [3]

To-day's

Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL.

THE

HENRY DALLAS

MUSICAL COMEDY

COMPANY.

GRAND OPENING NIGHT.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND.

The Latest London Success,

The Musical Comedy

"A CHINESE HONEYMOON."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD.

"A CHINESE HONEYMOON."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH.

AND

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH.

The Charming Musical Comedy

"THREE LITTLE MAIDS."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH.

AND

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH.

The Sparkling Musical Comedy

"THE FRENCH MAID."

PRICES \$3, \$2 and \$1.

PLANS at ROBINSON PIANO CO., LD.

W. FLEMING VALLANCE,

Manager.

Future pieces will be duly advertised.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [266]

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"PURNEA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon, TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [265]

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steamers

Tons Captain

Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. CO., LTD.

JOINT SERVICES.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA
AND SUMATRA PORTS.FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 21st February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENEALUS"	On 27th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"RHEIPEUS"	On 4th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 5th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 12th March.

S.S. "AGAMEMNON" left Singapore on 15th inst., and is due here at daylight, on 21st inst.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON & ANTWERP	"KINTUCK"	On 19th Feb., P.M.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"KEEMUN"	On 20th Feb., P.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"MOVUNG"	On 1st March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 15th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"AJAX"	On 20th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"PAKLING"	On 29th March.

S.S. "KEEMUN" has arrived and leaves for Genoa, Marseilles and Liverpool.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"AGAMEMNON"	On 24th February.
S.S. "OANFA" from Pacific Coast has arrived.		
S.S. "PELEUS" left Victoria, B.C., on the 30th ult. for this Port via Japan.		
S.S. "TYDEUS" should leave Pacific Coast for this port via Japan on the 18th inst.		

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
"MANILA"	"CHIHI"	20th instant.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	3rd March.

The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly
qualified Surgeon is carried.Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian
Ports.M.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND
AUSTRALIAN PORTS. (SEE SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT).

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904.

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewards carried.
—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of
Passengers.CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUDI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 20th Feb., at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 27th Feb., at 10 A.M.
PERLA	2980	A. H. Nottley	—	—

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND
SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,FOR
PORTLAND, OREGON.

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAPURA"	4,890	J. T. Horne	Feb. 24, 1904.
"INDRASAKHA"	5,197	W. E. Craven	Mar. 24, "
"INDRAVELL"	4,890	R. P. Craven	April 24, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate
with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI,"
Captain SAMUEL BELL SMITH.DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on Week
Days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays,
at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao, Week Days at about
2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.
FARE—(Week Days) 1st Class (including
cabin and servant), \$1; Return Ticket, \$5;
2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.
On Excursion Sundays, 1st and 2nd Class
Single Ticket, \$2; Return Ticket, \$3. Return
Ticket including "Time" and "Dinner" either on
Board or at Macao Hotel, \$5. On Sundays,
\$5 extra will be charged for each cabin with
accommodations for two or three passengers.
WHARF—At the Western end of Wing Lok
Street.The Steamship runs on Excursion SUNDAY
EVERY SUNDAY. It takes only 35 hours to reach
Macao.

MING-ON & CO.,

2nd Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1904.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE

TO NEW YORK,
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
1904."MACDUFF" About
For Freight and further Information, apply
toDODWELL & CO. LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. (1399)"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.
THE SteamshipCaptain T. Burke, R.N., will be despatched as
above on SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1904.
For Freight or Passage, apply toMcGREGOR, BROS. & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. (1319)

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

AUSTRALIAN LINE.

REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES.

From 1st January, 1904.

ALSO REDUCED RATES TO
MANILA AND RETURN.STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric
Light, First Class Accommodation. Un-
rivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. (104)

MESSAGERS CANTONNAISES.

J. TREVOUX & CO.
HONGKONG-CANTON NIGHTLY
SERVICE.THE Commodious Steamer
"PAUL BEAU"Captain Frangé, leaves Hongkong for Canton
at 9 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS
and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong
the following Day, leaving Canton at 5 P.M., taking
Passengers and Cargo as usual and will shortly
be followed by the Steamer "CHARLES
HARDOUN."These Two Magnificent and Up-to-Date
Steamers, are lighted with Electricity.
The Saloon is under European Supervision.
First Class European \$3.00
Second Class European 3.00
First Class Chinese 1.50
Second Class Chinese50
Deck30The Company's Wharf is at the end of Queen
Street, Praya West.For further Particulars, apply to
J. LANDOLT, Agent,
THE PHARMACY, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 6th February, 1904. (122)

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship
"SAMBIA,"
Captain Lüning, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant,
at Noon.For Freight, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. (158)COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANÇAIS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.
THE Company's Steamship
"SYDNEY,"
Captain Blanc, will be despatched for the
above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the
24th instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1904. (9)

Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE
AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,
LIMITED.HONGKONG EXCHANGE,
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

"SUBSCRIPTIONS."

EXCHANGE LINES, \$100 Per Annum.
PRIVATE LINES, By Arrangement.

NO CHARGE FOR INSTALLATION.

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more than average length.ELECTRIC SUPPLIES OF EVERY DES-
cription IN STOCK.INCLUDING—
BATTERIES,
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ELECTRIC BELLS,
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WIRE, &c., &c.,

PRICE LISTS ON APPLICATION.

ELECTRIC BELT INSTALLATIONS,
Erected and kept in order.Estimates given for all kinds of Electrical
work.Trained Mechanicians sent to Out-Ports to fit
up Installations if required.

NOTE ADDRESS—1, ICE HOUSE ROAD.

For full Particulars, &c., &c., Apply to
W. STUART HARRISON,
A.M. INST. E.E.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1903. (6)

Intimations.

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM
OF
DENTISTRY.DR. M. H. CHAUN,
27, DES VORUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG;
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904. (58)

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds
of NEEDLE WORK.Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs
and Collars renewed on old ones.Ladies and Children's Under-clothing: Cuffs
and Collars, and all kinds of Embroidery,
Materials can be supplied, if required.The Superioress will also be most grateful
for any PAPERS, or old BOOKS, to be made
into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools,
who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1892.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. J. I. Plum-
mer, Chief Assistant of the Hongkong Obser-
vatory:—On the 18th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer
has fallen upon the China coast and risen slight-
ly in the Philippines.Gradients are rather steep on the China coast
and the anticyclone still exists in the Yangtze
valley.Strong monsoon will prevail in the Formosa
Channel and the north part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Strong NE. winds; fine.

Feb. 16 at
10 a.m. Feb. 16 at
4 p.m.Barometer 30.26 30.07
Temperature 60 70
Humidity 65 57
Rainfall — —

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

February 18th, 1904, a.m.
Bar. Th. Hu. Wind W. r.Vladivostok 7 a.m. — — — —
Nemuro 6 a.m. — — — —
Hakodate — — — —
Tokio — — — —
Kobe — — — —
Nagasaki — — — —
Oshima — — — —
Naha — — — —
Fukuoka — — — —
Taihoku — — — —
Taichu — — — —
Tainan — — — —
Koshu — — — —
Pescadore — — — —
Weihaiwei 2 a.m. 30.35 30 — S 1Guttsiaf — — — —
Sharp Peak — — — —
Amoy 6.32 a.m. 30.35 53 61 NE 3 bSwatow 9 a.m. — — — —
Canton 10 a.m. 30.27 60 51 E 5 b

Hongkong 10 a.m. 30.27 60 51 E 5 b

Victoria Peak — — — —
Gap Rock — — — —
Macao — — — —
Haiphong — — — —
Manila — — — —
Batavia — — — —
Cebu — — — —
C. St. James 10 a.m. — — — —HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET
PRICES.

Corrected 6th February, 100 lbs. per 5 Mts.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa B 17
" Corned Ham Ngau Yuk 17
Roast—Shi 17
Beast—Ngau Lam 13
Sop, Tong Yuk 13
Steak—Ngau Yuk 13
Sergeon—Ngau Luk 17
Sauages—Ngau Yuk Chung 25
Bullock's Brains—Know 45
Tongue fresh—Ngau Luk each
" Corned—Ham Ngau Luk 55
Head—Ngau Tau 55
Heart—Ngau Sum 9
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin 13
Feet—Ngau Kerk each
Kidneys—Ngau Yiu 8
Tail—Ngau Mei 16
Liver—Ngau Con 9
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To 5
Calver's Head and Feet—Ngau-chai-
tau-koek 75
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pui Kw 24
Leg—Yeung Pui 24
Shoulder—Yeung Shau 22
Pigs Chilling—Chi cheong 7
Brains—Chi Know per set
Feet—Chi Kerk 12
Pry—Chi Chik 12
Head—Chi Tau 13
Heart—Chi Yiu each
Kidneys—Chi Yiu pair
Liver—Chi Con 24
Pork Chop—Chi Pui Kw 18
" Corned—Ham Chu Yuk 18
Leg—Chu Pui 22
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau 17
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tau
Keok 55
Heart—Yeung Sum each
Kidneys—Yeung Yiu 9
Liver—Yeung Con 16
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai 17
Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau 20
Motion—Sang Yeung Yau 20
Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk 18
Sauages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong 15

POULTRY.

Chicken—Kai Chai 27
Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai 24
Ducks—Ap 24
Doves—Pan Kan 24
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan 24
Fowls, Canton—Kai Tan 24
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai 24
Geese—Ngai 24
Goose, Wild Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Y. 24
Ngo 24
Mistr—Wong Keng each
Hare—Tu Chai 24
Partridge—Che Khoo 55
Pheasant—Shai Kai 55
Big game, Canton—Pak Kap each
Hedgehog—Molow Pak Kap 26
Quail—Kai Chun 26
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk 26
Sparrows—Kai Chai 26

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Heung Hoi Ah
Chi Chau 4
Beans, (French) Macao—Oh Moon Pin
Tau 7
Beans, (French) Shanghai—Sheung Hoi
Tau 7
Beans, Sprout—Ah Choi 3
Beet Root—Hung Choi Tau each
Brinjals, Green—Cheng Yuen Ker 3
Brinjals, Red—Hung Ker 3
Brassica—Pak Choi 5
Bamboo Shoots—Chook Shun 10
Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Choy 2
Cabbage Root—Kai Lan Tau each
Cabbage, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi 10
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun 2
Cauliflower, Large size—Tai Yeh Choi
F 16
Cauliflower, Medium size—Cheung Yeh
Choi-fa 12
Cauliflower, Small size—Sai Yeh Choi-fa
Carrots—Kam Shun 10
Celery, Chinese—Tung Kan Choy 5
Celery, English—Yeung Kan Choy 5
Celery, White—Pak Yeung Kan Choy 5
Chillies Dried—Con Lat Chiu 18
" Red—Hung Fa 14
" Green—Cheng Lat Chiu 9
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Lee Choi Liu
Cucumbers—Cheng Kwa 5
Ritter Squash—Fu Kwa 12
Garlic—Suen Tau 12
Ginger, young—Sun Tse Keung 4
" old—Lo Keung 4
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan 18
Indian Corn—Suk Mai place
Lettuce—Yeung Sang Choi each
Water Cheenut—Ma Tai 1
Mushrooms Fresh—Sang Cho Kho 6
Onions, Bombay—Yeung Chung Tau 3
Green—Sang Ching 3
Shai—Sheung Hoi Chung Tau
Japan—Yat Poon 3
Okroes—Mo Ker 10
Parsley, English—Yeung Us Sai 10
Green Peas—Cheng Tau 2
Pistoles, Sweet—Fan Shu 2
Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Shu
Tau 2
Japan—Yat Poon Shu Tai 2
American—Fu Kai 2
Fochow—Fuk Chau Shu Tai
Macao—Oh Moon 2
Pumpkin—Teong Kwa 2
Radish—Hong Lo Pak Tai 2
Shallots—Coo Chung Tau 2
Spinage (Chinese)—Paw Choi 2
Spinage—Yin Choi 2
Taro—Wu Tai 2
Turnips—Fai Lai 2
" English—Yeung Lo Pak Tai 2
Vegetable Marrow—Kai Fap 2
Water Cresses—Sai Yung Chai 2
Caltrops—Lan Kuo 2
Lily Root—Chi Nyan 2
Yams—Ta Shun 2

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching
typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed
at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever
a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

NOTICE BOARDS.

Notice boards are placed at—
Joint Cable Companies' Office,
Ferry Company's Pier, Ice House Street,
Blake Pier,
Post Office,
Harbour Office,
Ferry Company's Pier, Kowloon.WEATHER-FORECASTS and STORM-
WARNINGSare exhibited on the above boards
daily about 11 a.m., and also at other hours,
day or night, whenever necessary. Informa-
tion of importance is also issued by "Express."THE CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTERis exhibited at the same places daily
about noon. It contains observations made at
Hongkong and at a number of stations in the
Far East, together with Remarks, Weather
forecasts, and information regarding the exis-
tence and movements of typhoons based thereon.

SPECIAL INQUIRIES.

Masters of vessels or their agents may,
whenever necessary, call at the Telegraph
Company's Office in Consaught Road and
send telegrams to the Observatory asking for
special information without charge. Such
inquiries may also be sent from the Police
Station at Kowloon Point, which is connected
with the Observatory by telephone.

THE LAW OF TORMS.

Further information concerning the weather
to be expected within the Colony, and
within the adjacent seas, is given in the Law of
Torms in the Colony.

SIGNALS.

A NEW CODE.

We have received from the Hongkong
Observatory a new code of meteorological
signals which comes into force at Hongkong
on New Year's Day. They are the same as
those at present in use at Shanghai, and will
be hoisted on the mast beside the time-ball a
few days before the 1st of January.Kowloon Point for the information of masters
of vessels leaving the port. They do not neces-
sarily imply that bad weather is expected. The
signals are as follows:—A cone point upwards indicates a typhoon to
the North of the Colony.A cone point upwards and drum below indi-
cates a typhoon to the North-East of the
Colony.A drum indicates a typhoon to the East of
the Colony.A cone point downwards and drum below
indicates a typhoon to the South-East of the
Colony.A cone point downwards indicates a typhoon
to the South of the Colony.A cone point downwards and ball below
indicates a typhoon to the South-West of the
Colony.A ball indicates a typhoon to the West of
the Colony.A cone point upwards and ball below indicates
a typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.Red Signals indicate that the centre is
believed to be more than 300 miles away from
the Colony.Black Signals indicate that the centre is
believed to be less than 300 miles away from
the Colony.The above signals will, as heretofore, be
hoisted only when typhoons exist in such posi-
tions or are moving in such directions that in-
formation regarding them is considered to be of
importance to the Colony or to shipping leav-
ing the harbour.Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad
weather in the Colony and that the wind is
expected to veer.Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate
bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is
expected to back.The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of
the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also,
by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H
M's Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching
typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed
at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever
a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

NOTICE BOARDS.

Notice boards are placed at—
Joint Cable Companies' Office,
Ferry Company's Pier, Ice House Street,
Blake Pier,
Post Office,
Harbour Office,
Ferry Company's Pier, Kowloon.WEATHER-FORECASTS and STORM-
WARNINGSare exhibited on the above boards
daily about 11 a.m., and also at other hours,
day or night, whenever necessary. Informa-
tion of importance is also issued by "Express."THE CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTERis exhibited at the same places daily
about noon. It contains observations made at
Hongkong and at a number of stations in the
Far East, together with Remarks, Weather
forecasts, and information regarding the exis-
tence and movements of typhoons based thereon.

SPECIAL INQUIRIES.

Masters of vessels or their agents may,
whenever necessary, call at the Telegraph
Company's Office in Consaught Road and
send telegrams to the Observatory asking for
special information without charge. Such
inquiries may also be sent from the Police
Station at Kowloon Point, which is connected
with the Observatory by telephone.

THE LAW OF TORMS.

Further information concerning the weather
to be expected within the Colony, and
within the adjacent seas, is given in the Law of
Torms in the Colony.

SIGNALS.

A NEW CODE.

We have received from the Hongkong
Observatory a new code of meteorological
signals which comes into force at Hongkong
on New Year's Day. They are the same as
those at present in use at Shanghai, and will
be hoisted on the mast beside the time-ball a
few days before the 1st of January.Kowloon Point for the information of masters
of vessels leaving the port. They do not neces-
sarily imply that bad weather is expected. The
signals are as follows:—

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Oanfa, Br. s.s., 4,866, Bartlett, 17th Feb.
 Moji 13th Feb., Flour and Lumber.—B. & S.
 Dunblane, Br. s.s., 2,402, Martin, 16th Feb.
 Raungon 1st Feb., Rice.—Order.
 Marie Jensen, Ger. s.s., 1,771, Bendixen, 16th Feb.
 Sourabaya 1st Feb., Sugar.—J. & Co.
 Tientsin, Br. s.s., 1,227, Gibbs, 17th Feb.
 Chinkiang 12th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
 Idomenus, Br. s.s., 4,298, Nish, 17th Feb.
 Singapore 11th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
 Else, Ger. s.s., 903, Petersen, 17th Feb.
 Chefoo 11th Feb., Gen.—J. & Co.
 Nanshan, Br. s.s., 1,209, Stowell, 17th Feb.
 Raungon and Singapore 9th Feb., Rice.—B. & Co.
 Kwanglee, Ch. s.s., 1,468, Lincoln, 17th Feb.
 Shanghai 14th Feb., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
 Roan, Ger. s.s., 4,960, Meiners, 18th Feb.
 Bremerhaven 7th Jan., and Singapore 13th Feb., Mails and Gen.—M. & Co.
 Palermo, Br. s.s., 4,08, Andrews, 18th Feb.
 Shanghai 14th Feb., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 C. Ferd. Lacisz, Ger. s.s., 3,799, Sachs, 18th Feb.
 Moji 13th Feb., Gen.—H. A. L.
 Elisabeth Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 997, Webinger, 18th Feb.
 Bangkok 9th Feb., Teakwood and Rice.—A. K. & Co.
 Purnea, Br. s.s., 2,004, Packham, 18th Feb.
 Raungon 6th Feb., and Singapore 10th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Keuman, Br. s.s., 5,727, Davies, 18th Feb.
 Shanghai 15th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
 Petarch, Ger. s.s., 1,212, Ahrens, 18th Feb.
 Saigon 13th Feb., Rice.—S. W. & Co.
 Chenan, Br. s.s., 1,450, Northcombe, 18th Feb.
 Canton 18th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Departures.

Feb. 18.

Meefo, for Canton.
 Kowloon, for Canton.
 Lyemou, for Canton.
 Foyle, for Moji.
 Palermo, for Bangkok.

Passengers arrived.

Per Palermo, from Shanghai.—Mr. J. Plant.
 Per Gera, for Hongkong from Kobe.—Mr. Hanschild. From Shanghai.—Mr. and Mrs. Stell, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Buff, Mr. and Mrs. de Senna, Mrs. Senna, Capt. Spruit, Rev. Robert, Messrs. Bromart, Hugo Carl, dos Remedios, Pereira, Knops, Pereira, A. Senge, O. Leon, Mino Hariton and Hanlin.
 From Nagasaki.—Capt. and Mrs. Degu, Messrs. Johannsen, Karup Sorensen and Larsen.
 Per Eastern, from Australian Ports.—Mrs. Fyfe, Mr. and Mrs. Quinta, Miss Stone, Revs. J. A. Baabosa and B. F. da Silva, Masters Guimaraes and F. X. Martins, Messrs. F. L. Trevoir, C. George, W. Brandt, J. Braga, C. Hiley, J. Smith, H. Abbell, R. W. R. Fenton, F. Levey, W. Jackson, F. W. Litchfield, A. Hall, F. J. Spear, C. E. Langin, F. Gomes, G. O. Heath, R. W. Goward, Easheen, H. E. Victor, J. V. Jenkins, R. A. Lemos, J. Maria, S. G. Guerin, F. Guter and Morrison.
 Per Empress of Japan, from Vancouver.—Dr. C. Jackson, Messrs. G. J. Trimblay and W. Ughart. From Yokohama.—Mr. Esche. From Kobe.—Mr. W. F. Corles. From Shanghai.—Mrs. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. R. and Mrs. White and infant, Mrs. Mordhurst and child, Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Bevis, Miss Bevis, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Abbott, Misses E. Moore, Cotton, Silva, Johnstone, Geaton, Messrs. J. Fitzmaurice, H. Reiss, W. Parli, H. E. Moller, Burditt, Silva, P. Oughton, F. E. Schnorr, E. G. Lowder, O. Mordhurst, Baderley, Thistlewaite, E. Little, C. Little, F. A. Cumming, R. B. Allen, G. Couits, R. Kadoorie, F. B. Jacob and H. Crompton.

Passengers departed.

Per Gera, from Hongkong for Bremen.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and child, Mrs. W. L. Blackshaw, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. and Miss Corey, Capt. and Mrs. Deyn, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Field and child, Mrs. Gist and child, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer and child, Mrs. Merritt and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Newton and child, Mrs. Taka Oshio, Mr. and Mrs. Paterson and child, Mr. and Mrs. Purton, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Robinson and child, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. P. Schmidt, Mr. Carl G. Schmidt, Mrs. Skerchly and child, Mr. and Mrs. T. Tanaka, Mr. and Mrs. M. Tanakoshi, Mr. and Mrs. Whalley and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. Zollhofer, Consul Dr. Gumprecht, Messrs. K. Kienapp, Dr. Ernst Salzer, Misses P. yne, Patterson, Mabel Poulter, A. L. Squire and Sonder, Messrs. R. H. Beauchamp, F. H. Hugo Carl, H. Dehls, Paul Grammel, Chas. P. Coerrig, M. A. Hauschild, J. Hirsch, Monteur Keller, W. M. D. Lochead, F. W. Lord, S. Lord, H. Grove, C. Nicolle, M. Ogawa, S. Raby, Warren and H. Yokotake.

Steamers expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Sambila	Singapore	H. A. L.	Feb. 19
Silesia	Singapore	S. W. & Co.	Feb. 19
Shan zhu	S. W. & Co.	Feb. 19	
Agamemnon	Singapore	B. & S.	Feb. 21
Bramar	Singapore	J. & O.	Feb. 22
Java	Singapore	J. & O.	Feb. 23
Sydney	Singapore	M. & Co.	Feb. 24
Korea	San Francisco	M. & Co.	Mar. 1
Laisang	Calcutta	M. & Co.	Mar. 1
Gaelic	San Francisco	O. & O.	Var. 9

Shipping Reports.

Str. Idomenus from Singapore.—Fresh N.E. wind, and head sea.

Str. Oanfa from Moji.—Fine weather throughout, moderate monsoon.

Str. Tientsin from Chinkiang.—Strong N.E. wind and sea 10 to 12 ft. Point, light and variable to port.

Str. Nanshan from Singapore.—Strong monsoon from there to Padaran, thence to port moderate monsoon and sea.

Str. Eastern from Melbourne.—Experienced fine weather with light winds up the Australian coast, calling at the usual Queensland port, left Port Darwin for Timor on the 5th inst. and had fine weather across, arriving in Delhi on 7th, leaving there on that date and arriving in Manila on 12th, after passing the Basilan Strait ran into a fresh N.E. monsoon, thence to port had fine weather, with a moderate N.E. wind and sea.

Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward.—23rd January.—*Eltria*, *Glenoglan*, *Agamemnon*. 27th January.—*Foehling*, *Ardenburg*. 30th January.—*Wakasa Maru*. 3rd February.—*Menclaus*, *Benelux*, *Laos*, *Brisgavia*. 6th February.—*Fiberius*, *Fianu*, *Ferdinand*, *Macham*, *Saxonia*, *St. Nicholas*, *Willowden*, *Glenhurst*. 9th February.—*Malacca*, *Preussen*, *Savaria*, *China*, *Nithsdale*, *Sandysford*, *Sirathnevis*. 12th February.—*Armand Belic*, *Asama*, *Telenachus*, *Warrior*. 17th February.—*Patroclus*, *Trieste*, *Cymbeline*. (Homeward)—17th January.—*Aragonia*, *Java*. 30th January.—*Glenroy*. 3rd February.—*Sydney*. 6th February.—*Ceylon*. 9th February.—*Nurnberg*. 12th February.—*Bayern*, *Lowther*. Arrivals at Hong.—23rd January.—*Konig Albert*. 27th January.—*Formosa*. 30th January.—*Marburg*, *Salazie*, *Achilles*. 3rd February.—*Indramayo*, *Kawachi Maru*. 6th February.—*Bingo Maru*. 9th February.—*Manila*, *Shenandoah*, *Prometheus*. 12th February.—*Kiautschou*. 17th February.—*Dardanus*, *Indrunt*.

Vessels in Port.

SEAMEN.
 Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, Muhle, 27th Jan.
 Sandakan 21st Jan., Gen. and Timber, M. & Co.
 Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,142, Hooker, 13th Feb.
 Manila 10th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
 Coptic, Br. s.s., 2,744, Armstrong, R.N.R., 12th Feb.
 San Francisco 15th Jan., Honolulu 22nd, Yokohama 4th Feb., Kobe 5th, Nagasaki 7th, and Shanghai (Woozung) 10th, Mails and Gen.—O. & S. S. Co.
 Crusader, Br. s.s., 1,435, Brown, 11th Feb.
 Moji 5th Feb., Coal.—D. & Co., Ltd.
 Eastern, Br. s.s., 3,603, Ellis, 16th Feb.
 Melbourne 16th Jan., and Manila 14th Feb., Gen.—G. L. & Co.
 Empire, Br. s.s., 4,502, Helms, 17th Feb.
 Kobe 12th Feb., Gen.—O. & S. Co.
 Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,023, Beetham, R.N.R., 17th Feb.—Vancouver 23rd Jan., and Shanghai 14th Feb., Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
 Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,267, Hodgins, 17th Feb.
 Swatow 16th Feb., Gen.—D. L. & Co.
 Hailan, Fr. s.s., 377, Andersen, 14th Feb.
 Pakhoi and Hoilow 13th Feb., Pigs.—A. R. M.
 Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 742, Suzoni, 14th Feb.
 Haiphong, Pakhoi, Hoilow and Kwong-chow-wan 13th Feb., Rice and Sugar.—A. R. M.
 Hydra, Br. s.s., 2,635, Smith, 15th Feb.
 Bombay 5th Jan., and Raungon 1st Feb., Rice.—D. & Co., Ltd.
 Indrapura, Br. s.s., 3,411, Horne, 11th Feb.
 Portland, Or. 1st Jan., and Moji 6th Feb., Gen. and Flour.—P. & A. S. S. Co.
 Johanne, Ger. s.s., 952, Ipland, 14th Feb.
 Haiphong 11th Feb., and Hoilow 13th, Rice and Gen.—J. & Co.
 Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,024, Pennfather, 2nd Feb.
 Cebu via Hoilow and Manila 30th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
 Keongwai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Moellermann, 15th Feb.
 Sangkok 8th Feb., Rice and Meal.—B. & S.
 M. Struve, Ger. s.s., 956, Brandt, 7th Feb.
 Haiphong 4th Feb., and Hoilow 6th, Gen.—A. R. M.
 Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 678, Ulderup, 13th Feb.
 Hoilow 12th Feb., Coals and Sugar.—J. & Co.
 Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, Welsh, 9th Feb.
 Sandakan 3rd Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Namsang, Br. s.s., 2,591, Payne, 16th Feb.
 Calcutta 30th Jan., Penang 5th Feb., and Singapore 9th, Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Progress, Ger. s.s., 632, Bremer, 15th Feb.
 Swatow 14th Feb., Gen.—S. & Co.
 Prometheus, Nor. s.s., 1,023, Lersbryggren, 15th Feb.
 Saigon 9th Feb., Rice and Rice flour.—Norwegian Consul.
 Rubi, Br. s.s., 2,064, Almond, 16th Feb.
 Manila 14th Feb., Gen.—S. T. & Co.
 Samara, Br. s.s., 1,013, 13th Feb.—Moji 7th Feb., Coal.—B. & Co.
 Shawmut, Am. s.s., 6,195, Smith, 15th Feb.
 Manila 12th Feb., Gen.—D. & Co., Ltd.
 Sinan, Br. s.s., 1,543, Williams, 14th Feb.
 Barry 24th Dec., Coal.—B. & S.
 Sullford, Br. s.s., 2,305, Cress, 14th Feb.
 Newport, Mon. 25th Dec., Coals.—Order.
 Sungkiang, Br. s.s., 1,021, Robinson, 1st Feb.
 Manila 29th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
 Tacoma, Am. s.s., 2,689, Riddle, 14th Feb.
 Tacoma 13th Jan., and Moji 9th Feb., Gen.—D. & Co., Ltd.
 Tartar, Br. s.s., 4,425, Evans, 16th Dec.
 Vancouver 16th Nov., and Shanghai 13th Dec., Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
 Thea, Ger. s.s., 934, Ohlerich, 14th Feb.
 Kebao 10th Feb., Pakhoi 12th, and Hoilow 13th, Coals and Gen.—J. & Co.
 Yuensing, Br. s.s., 1,128, Rolff, 6th Feb.
 Manila 3rd Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

Ellen Rickmers at Kowloon Dock
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Post Office.

A Mail will close for:

Canton—Per *Hankow*, 19th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
 Quang-chow-wan, Hoilow, Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per *Hankow*, 19th Feb., 9 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per *Roni*, 19th Feb., 10 A.M.
 Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per *Haiching*, 19th Feb., 10 A.M.
 Manila, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Empire*, 19th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Tacoma—Per *Shawmut*, 19th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Shanghai and Chemulpo—Per *Humber*, 19th Feb., 5 P.M.
 Hoilow and Pakhoi—Per *Michael Jensen*, 19th Feb., 5 P.M.
 Hoilow, Tourane and Quinhone—Per *Progress*, 19th Feb., 5 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Pawan*, 19th Feb., 5 P.M.
 Namsang—Per *Taichun*, 19th Feb., 5 P.M.
 Sanbuc—Per *Hoi Yu*, 19th Feb., 5 P.M.
 Manao—Per *Honam*, 20th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
 Canton—Per *Rubi*, 20th Feb., 9 A.M.
 Amoy, Swatow, Straits and Raungon—Per *Purnea*, 20th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Hoilow and Pakhoi—Per *Hailan*, 20th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Manila—Per *Chihli*, 20th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Yokohama—Per *Samara*, 20th Feb., 5 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Kinshan*, 21st Feb., 9 A.M.
 Sandakan—Per *Mausang*, 22nd Feb., 11 A.M.
 Yokohama and Kobe—Per *Sambila*, 23rd Feb., 10 A.M.
 Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Varra*, 23rd Feb., 10.45 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Coptic*, 23rd Feb., 10.45 A.M.
 Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Or.—Per *Indrapura*, 24th Feb., 10 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Tartar*, 24th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Namsang*, 24th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Manila—Per *Zafiro*, 29th Feb., 9 A.M.
 Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Seydlitz*, 28th Mar., 11 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Empress of Japan*, 9th Mar., 11 A.M.

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